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**For:** META SEARCH ENGINE

**Dated:** January 31, 2001

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Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated November 29, 2000, Applicant provisionally elects the species (1) Claims 1-29 and 46-57 drawn to the embodiment of Figure 10 for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-73 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to a species restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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- (1) Claims 1-29 and 46-57 are drawn to the embodiment of Figure 10;
- (2) Claims 30-45 and 58-73 are drawn to the embodiment of Figure 11.

It is the Examiner's position that the species listed in Groups (1) and (2) are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of species (1) Claims 1-29 and 46-57. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



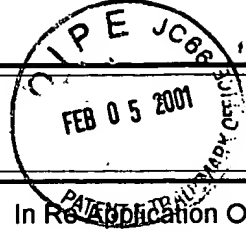
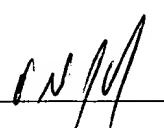
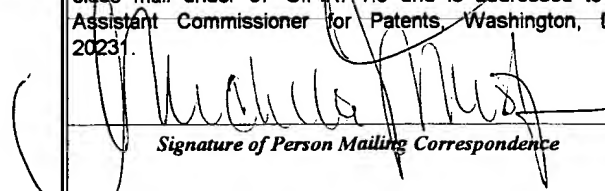
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